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METHODIST LAY REPRESENTATION.

We see it reported that the full vote on the question of lay delegation in the Methodist Episcopal church now stands 103,476 for, and 51,695 against. The ministerial vote included in this stands 4,395 for, and 606 against; which gives the requisite ministerial majority, with 145 votes to spare.

It is creditable to the clergy of the denomination that so large a preponderance of opinion in favor of a just concession of influence to the laity, has been formed among their number. The movement for lay delegation indeed found its origin, if we are not mistaken, in the ministerial class, and certainly it has been by ministers most warmly urged and furthered. It is possible, however, that what may, without disrespect, be called the inferior orders of the Methodist clergy, have hoped to find, in the admission of the lay element to the general conferences, a safeguard against the almost absolute power of the bishops. If the reform shall have this effect, an additional argument will have been produced in its favor.

THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.

A memorial, signed by many prominent citizens of the District of Columbia, will be presented to Congress on Monday, asking for the passage of a bill for a charter of incorporation for a joint stock company to be designated "The Industrial Exhibition Company," and embodying such privileges and assistance as they think they may justly ask Congress to accord to an enterprise designed for the common benefit of the country, they are desirous of holding in Washington, during the year 1871, an exhibition of works of art and industry to all nations. Enough has already been done to show that the citizens of the District of Columbia alone are ready to invest a million and a half of dollars in the enterprise. It is expected that the memorial will receive little attention, and there seems to be no disposition to make any appropriation for it.

ANOTHER ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH CABLE.

The government of Portugal invites tenders for the manufacture and laying of a submarine cable from that country to the United States, making the Azores Islands an intermediate point. We have repeatedly suggested such a line. It can be laid with perhaps less difficulty than attended the completion of the northern cables, and a point that will be an advantage gained by us, and consequently not be overlooked, is that one of the proposed terminals will be on our own shores. The more Atlantic cables we have the better, and this one is especially favorable on this account.

Mr. Spinner touches a point in the law against the use of *fas* shells, franks that puts that law in a sufficiently ridiculous light. He must write his name on every letter on official business to save a three cent stamp; yet a *fas* shell of his signature is deemed sufficiently good on a greenback for a thousand dollars.

The democratic papers of Mississippi express no mortification over the defeat of Ames. On the contrary they regard it as the squelching out of carpet-baggers in the State, and rejoice accordingly. Read the following from the *Columbus, Miss. Sentinel*:

The dynasty of the carpet-bagger is at an end in this state, as we said in our last issue. Reconstruction, and the election of Gen. Alcorn, have been the death of him. He vainly supposed that he would live and move and have his being, in negro suffrage.

A large number of white people supported Gen. Alcorn; enough to elect him without the votes of the negroes, or their miserable allies, and his election is relieved of the odium of having been procured by their support, and he will therefore be independent of them in his administration.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

For several days past, the warning has been sounded that there was a financial crash impending, that night, and probably would involve them in a common ruin. Read the following telegraphic dispatch:

"New York special says there are decided fears of a financial crash owing to the decline in gold. There is much alarm among holders of produce and dry goods over the shrinkage in value. Many of the advocates of the speedy resumption of specie payments have become alarmed, and beseech Secretary Boutwell not to sell gold. It was reported yesterday that a prominent dry goods importer had telegraphed the President that the decline in gold had gone far enough, and that further decline would ruin many merchants throughout the country, and cause a commercial crisis."

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Portland people are complaining about the high price of bread.

Cardinal Cullen has issued another manifesto against the Fenians.

There are to be executions for murder in the United States during the month of December.

A woman is captain of a canal boat running into Cincinnati and transacting business.

Cincinnati has a milk inspector and the dealers talk of raising his price.

Ex-Senator John B. Henderson, of Missouri, is quite ill at his home in Louisiana, Mo.

A man is now in Detroit with his scalp in his pocket. The Indians took it off for him.

A man named Richard E. Hoy, playing the role of a Baptist preacher, was lately driven from Turkeston, Mo., for attempting to marry his ninth wife, the eight former ones being all alive. He is advised to go to Utah, collect the scattered remains of his family and live in peace.

HELLE BOYD REGAINS HER REASON.

About six weeks ago we mentioned the fact that Helle Boyd, the famous rebel spy, had become insane in this city, and was taken to the asylum at Stockton. We expressed the belief that her insanity was occasioned by a severe illness which she was suffering from at the time she was pronounced insane, and that, under the superior medical treatment and kind nursing she was sure to receive at the asylum, under Dr. Shurtleff's directions, her reason would soon be restored. We perceive by the San Francisco papers that such is the result, and also that a few days since she gave birth to a child at the asylum. A few of the papers, learning for the first time of her improvement in connection with the announcement that she had become a mother, have manufactured very pathetic and touching paragraphs, attributing the return of her mental health to the last named occurrence. If this were really the case it is either the reverse, or we might expect to soon learn of some where suggesting a new mode of treatment for female patients at insane asylums. We are, however, glad to know that one poor human being has had a darkened soul lighted up by the fires of reason; that Providence has given on more poor creature power to overcome the fiends and enemies conjured up by a diseased imagination, and strength to care for a new-comer into this world of trouble and sorrow, where all but maternal affection flash and short lived.

THE AGITATOR.

The "Agitator," the woman's paper at Chicago, has been suspended for the present. The office has passed into the hands of a joint stock company, with ample capital to place it upon a safe and living basis. It will hereafter, commencing about the first of January, be published simultaneously at Boston and Chicago. Mrs. Mary A. Livermore will be the managing editor, and will be assisted by Julia Ward Howe, Lucy Stone, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, and Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson. The "Agitator" has, from its commencement been a very excellent paper, superior to any other published in the exclusive interest of woman, it has always carried with it the need of an office editor, who would stay with and superintend the details of every issue. The new journal will embrace everything that the most ardent friends of the movement can desire and should, as it no doubt will, receive the support of the friends of equal suffrage.

THE CUBAN INSURRECTION.

THE RELATION OF OUR GOVERNMENT THEREWITH.

A few days ago a delegation of Cuban gentlemen waited upon President Grant. Mons. Francisco Fesser, acting as spokesman, said:

All that he asked, he said, was the most common fair play. He begged for no favors or assistance, but remarked that he thought the great republic should not set the example of aiding an European power in crushing out the free aspirations of a noble people, struggling heroically to obtain their independence. The course at present pursued by the United States government, he said, was entirely one-sided. The Spaniards were allowed every privilege; they were permitted to repair the ships, obtain arms, coal, provisions, ammunition and everything for their support, while poor struggling Cuba, a weak power fighting against a strong one, was denied the same privilege. There was not an ounce of powder expended on Cuban soil by the Spaniards that was not supplied from some port of the United States, yet Cubans were not allowed to send to their country ships, ammunition and provisions. President Grant here remarked that the delegation must remember that there was one important difference between Spain and Cuba. Spain has a recognized government. But Cuba has none. To this Mr. Fesser replied that that there was the very difference that he and his compatriots desire to see obliterated. The United States government, said he, make use of the circular vitiosus in dealing with the United States. They say we are no government because we are not recognized and, that we are not recognized because we are no government. The United States are one of our hands behind our back, and allow Spain to have both hands free and then expects us to fight on such unequal terms. Mr. Fesser further said that Cuba competing with Spain, was like two men fighting in the street, one of whom only had one hand and the other both hands free to use. Give us, he said,

the most ordinary fair play, which is all we ask, and then let the best man win. Mr. Fesser made a powerful appeal for belligerent rights, and was occasionally backed up by the other members of his delegation. The President, though extremely courteous and kind to his visitors, was very guarded and careful in his remarks. When Mr. Fesser concluded his address, the President briefly remarked to him, that he (the President) in his position of Chief Magistrate could do nothing but execute the laws of the country. That Congress, however, would soon assemble and no doubt would take the matter into prompt consideration, and adopt the best course that could be followed under the circumstances.

PENNSYLVANIA HORROR.

An Aged Couple Murdered and Afterward Consumed in the Flames of the Burning House.

(From the Pittsburgh Gazette, 10th.)

At four o'clock yesterday morning, in the village of Greenville, Pa., an aged couple, named Vandusen, were foully murdered, and their hitherto peaceful home burned to ashes, with their bodies in it. They were known to have a large amount of gold on their premises, and the universal belief of the neighbors is that they were robbed, murdered, and the house set on fire to conceal the crime. When the fire had done its worst the body of Mrs. Vandusen was found still in bed, though then in the cellar—that of her husband in the hall. That they should have been separated in this manner at such a time seems strange. Moreover, the neighbors found the back door and back window open, which proves at once that burglars had been in the house. A large jack knife, with the blade open, was also found in the ruins. The bodies were so far consumed as to preclude the possibility of determining any marks of violence. On Saturday the old man, frightened no doubt at the decline in gold, was in town offering to sell off the precious metal, thus inevitably advertising his tempting possession—thirty thousand dollars in gold—in a farm house in a quiet country town. It was surely a tempting prize, so that it is almost certain the affair was the result of the foulest of crime, that the old couple's gold was the cause of their awful death; that some human monsters were the instruments of the honor. There is no defined suspicion, yet much excitement prevails in the community.

CUBA.

REPUBLICAN INCENDIARY PROCLAMATION—APPEAL TO THE SLAVE POPULATION.

We have received the following copy of a patriotic appeal, dated at Havana, December 10, 1869.

Carlo Manuel de Cespedes, President of the republic, has ordered that all Cubans faithful to the patriot cause and obedient to its government shall set fire to cornfields and crops of tobacco, in order to drive off the enemy and thereby deprive them of all resources wherewith to carry on the war against us. All Cubans should respect and carry out the orders of their first magistrate, and it is necessary that the execution be speedily and punctually effected, so that the whole world may see that we are united and resolved to make the sacrifice. Persons will not be found wanting to denounce these measures, but such will only be those who are instigated by interest, egotism and treachery. Every Cuban (black or white—for we are all equals) has no obligation to account for his plans to any person, but merely to take a match, and in silence carry out the order of his government. All, without distinction of color, age or sex, can in this manner serve the cause of our country and liberty. Now is not the moment to think, nor to discuss what has to be done; the moment has now come in which to expel the Spaniard, and by adopting these measures the odious enemy will speedily disappear from our sight. Will people be wanting for the simple operation of applying a match to a cornfield? Where are then, the patriots? What are the freed mulattos doing, who ever were distinguished for their hatred to the barbarous Spaniard and for the love they bear to their native soil? What are the plantation slaves doing, who should have already been set free, but who still suffer from hunger and the pangs of the lash, when a spark cast in passing, among the canes will suffice to insure their liberty? No more fear. War to the Spaniard and viva Cuba! Fire and blood on all sides! Let us burn to day and to-morrow we shall be free and Cubans! Viva the President! Viva Carlos Manuel!

THE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

The Muscatine "Journal" has the following to illustrate the fact that love not only laughs at bars and locksmiths, but also at dirty work: "A young man of this city, recently arrived here, who was in love, but too poor to wed the object of his affections, being unable to get any work at his trade, and having no ready cash, resorted to the employment of a scavenger to raise the wherewith to consummate his plans. Incongruous as the idea seems, he thinks the end justifies the means, as he is now happily married, and has a steady and a more desirable situation."

A Paris showman has been fined and imprisoned for exhibiting a picture of a gigantic Napoleon I inseparably united to a diminutive Napoleon III, with this explanation: "Messieurs, the singularity of these twins consists in the fact that instead of being brothers, like the original Siamese twins, they are uncle and nephew, and while both of the brothers would die in case they were separated, only the smaller one of my twins would waste away into nothing if he were severed from his uncle."

TRADING FOR A WIFE AND GETTING MORE THAN WAS BARGAINED FOR.

On Tuesday last, says a Cincinnati paper, while the trial of the ejectment suit of Taylor's heirs vs. Hornbeck and others, was progressing before a jury, in the court house, of this city, a singular transaction was disclosed by the evidence, which created not a little surprise and merriment in the court room. The defendants called a witness by the name of Isaac Yelton for the purpose of impeaching the testimony of a witness named William Orcutt, who had testified on behalf of the plaintiffs. After the direct examination of Yelton was concluded, he was turned over to Mr. Carlisle, one of the attorneys for the plaintiffs, for cross-examination, when the following evidence was elicited:

Attorney—Are you and Orcutt on good terms with each other?

Witness—Yes, sir.

Attorney—Did you never have any quarrel or difficulty?

Witness—No, sir; we never did.

Attorney—Did you not take Orcutt's wife away from him and run away with her, and did you not have a difficulty with him about that?

Witness—I never took his wife away from him.

Attorney—Did not you and a man named Gooney take his wife away?

Witness—His wife went away with me and Gooney, but we did not take her away from Orcutt. There was no difficulty at all about it; it was all satisfactorily. I traded him a horse for his wife, but I found that I had been imposed on, and I returned her to him, and it was all right. There was no quarrel or difficulty about it.

Attorney—How was you imposed upon?

Witness—I traded the horse for his wife, but he put on me besides, two children and a dog, so I returned her to him. I do not mean that he cheated me in the trade, for the transaction was all fair; but he imposed on me—he got the best of the bargain. I had no use for the two children and the dog.

This testimony was given with the utmost coolness, and in a manner which indicated that the witness regarded the transaction as entirely legitimate and proper. He is a man of ordinary intelligence, and has been for a long time a constable in the upper end of Campbell county. Having rescinded the contract with Orcutt, we presume that he is now prepared to consider any new proposition that may be submitted to him. Gentlemen who would rather winter a horse than a wife, might find it to their advantage to call, but they must bear in mind that he declines to deal in children or dogs.

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